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TAGS: ETRD, UNCTAD, IR  
SUBJ: FIRST UNCTAD PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON COTTON,  
JUNE 20-24

REF: STATE 119870

1. EMBASSY EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN OBTAINING THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO REFTEL OWNING TO RELATIVE LOW PRIORITY GOI ATTACHES TO SUBJECT UNCTAD PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON COTTON AND MULTIPLE JURISDICTION WITHIN GOI. AS OF JUNE 11, NO INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED BY MFA TO GOI'S GENEVA MISSION.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL,  
PARA 2:

A. GOI WILL BE REPRESENTED ONLY BY ITS PERMANENT MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT GENEVA. MOST LIKELY, NON-TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE MR. KOUSAR, SECOND SECRETARY, WHO RELATES TO UNCTAD/GATT MATTERS.

B. GOI POSITION NOT FORMALLY FORMULATED YET, BUT ACCORDING TO MOSTAFA ANSARI, DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THE MINISTRY OF  
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COMMERCE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, IRAN'S POSTURE WILL BE DETERMINED WITHIN THE "UNCATD FRAMEWORK OF THE PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL COMMODITIES"; I.E. IT WILL SUPPORT THE POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON COTTON, BUT NOT ACTIVELY. ANSARI WAS PURPOSEFULLY VAGUE CONCERNING THE FEATURES OF AN AGREEMENT IRAN MIGHT SUPPORT EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT THE CRITICAL POINT ON ANY STABILIZATION SCHEME WOULD BE THE TRADE AND FINANCIAL

CONSEQUENCES FOR IRAN, ISSUES AS YET NOT ADDRESSED WITHIN GOI.  
BASICALLY, ANSARI ANTICIPATES THAT IRAN WILL BE ABLE TO ENDORSE THE  
"USUAL COMPROMISE DEVELOPED BETWEEN LDC EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS  
ON ANY COMMODITY ISSUE."

C. CONCERNING THE ICAC, ANSARI CONFESSED TO INADEQUACY IN  
IDENTIFYING THE RAMIFICATIONS, BUT OBSERVED THAT THE ICAC REPRESENTS  
TO MANY THE ESPOUSAL OF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS ON COTTON EXPORTS,  
A CONCEPT HE TERMED "ANATHEMA TO IRAN'S PRIVATE SECTOR COTTON  
INDUSTRY."

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